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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWALS

1. AFTERNOON PRESS JUNE 6 CARRIED NEW YORK TIMES EWS SERVICE STORY WHICH REPORTED THAT ADMINISTRATION SOURCES IN WASHIGGTON HAD CONFIRMED THAT ROK AND GOJ HAD BEEN INFORMED OF USG INTENTION TO WITHDRAW ABOUT 6,000 GROUND TROOPS FROM KOREA BY END OF 1978. SOURCES DENIED, HOWEVER, NHK REPORT THAT USG HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM PRC AND USSR THAT THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF INCREASING TENSION IN AREA FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL, ADDING THAT MATTER HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SOVIETS.

2. SUNDAY NHK STORY REFERRED TO ABOVE QUOTED UNNAMED GOJ SOURCE TO EFFECT THAT DURING RECENT CONSULTATIONS BROWN AND HABIB HAD INFORMED ROK AND GOJ THAT: (A) US WOULD WITHDRAW ABOUT 6,000 GROUND TROOPS IN 1978; (B) ABOUT 6,000 ARMY TROOPS WOULD REMAIN IN ROK AFTER SECOND DIVISION WITHDRAWAL; (C) PRC AND USSR HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THEY WOULD NOT INCREASE TENSIONS FOLLOWING
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WITHDRAWAL; AND (D) NUCLEAR DETERRENT WOULD BE RETAINED.

3. EMBASSY HAS EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE TO FONOFF AND JDA OVER STORY, STRESSING THAT INCIDENT WOULD RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT ABILITY TO CONDUCT CANDID CONSULTATIONS ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES. WE ARE RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES WITH "NO COMMENT," NOTING THAT CONSULTATIONS WERE CONFIDENTIAL.

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